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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL
VERSION WILL FOLLOW.

A: I THINK I HAD A QUESTION YESTERDAY ABOUT WHO WOULD BE
TRAVELLING WITH MR. VANCE TO AFRICA IN THE OFFICIAL PARTY.
THEY WILL BE MRS. VANCE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG, HODDING CARTER,
WILLIAM EDMONDSON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, THOMAS THORNTON OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
STAFF, AND DONALD K. PETTERSON, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS HERE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Q: WHY IS DICK MOOSE NOT GOING?

A: HE IS NOT GOING FOR PERSONAL REASONS. HE ASKED
THE SECRETARY IF HE COULD REMAIN BEHIND.

A: I HAVE ONE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE INCIDENT INVOLVING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND WHITE
HOUSE SPEECH WRITER JAMES FALLOWS ALLEGED IN THIS MORNING'S
EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN NEVER OCCURRED. MOREOVER, THE
ARTICLE DESCRIBES A DIVISION OF OPINION WHICH DOES NOT
EXIST. THIS IS ATTESTED TO BY ALL OF THOSE WHO ACTUALLY
WORKED ON THIS PORTION OF THE SPEECH, INCLUDING MR.
FALLOWS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, AND OTHERS.

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MR. MOOSE AND MR. FALLOWS HAVE DISCUSSED THE COLUMN AND
BOTH ARE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT THAT ITS ALLEGATIONS AND
IMPLICATIONS CONCERNING THE SPEECH ARE WHOLLY UNTRUE.

Q: TOM, ON THAT SUBJECT, AM I INCORRECT IN REMEMBERING
SEVERAL TIMES FROM THE PODIUM THAT I THINK THAT YOU HAVE
SAID THAT WE DON'T COMMENT ON COLUMNS? AM I WRONG
ON THAT?

A: SOMETIMES WE DO AND SOMETIMES WE DON'T. WE WANTED TO
CORRECT THE RECORD HERE.

Q: AS I UNDERSTAND, THEY ALSO REPORTED THE PRESIDENT TOLD
A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 2ND THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED
FIELD MARSHAL AMIN'S VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS CONDEMNED -- QUOTE
-- BLACK LEADERS WHO DEPRIVE PERSONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
AND I WAS WONDERING, WHEN DID THE OAU EVER CONDEMN IDI
AMIN OR ANY OTHER BLACK DICTATOR?

A: I DON'T KNOW. I AM JUST NOT UP ON THAT?

Q: WOULD YOU TAKE THE QUESTION? IF THEY HAVE CONDEMNED
ANY OF THOSE BLACK DICTATORS, I WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED.
BUT COULD YOU TAKE THE QUESTION?

A: I SUGGEST THAT THAT IS A QUESTION THAT IS MORE
APPROPRIATELY ASKED OF THE OAU.

Q: LEAVING FALLOWS ASIDE, IS IT TRUE THAT MOOSE
SUGGESTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE
FOR HIM TO MENTION HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN BLACK AFRICAN
COUNTRIES BECAUSE THIS WOULD NOT SIT WELL WITH THESE
COUNTRIES?

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Q: COULD YOU TAKE THE QUESTION?

A: YES.

Q: TOM DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE SECRETARY'S TRIP
IN VIEW OF ALL OF THE QUESTIONS YESTERDAY ABOUT WHAT HE
HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH IN AFRICA AND WHAT THE CHANCES ARE?

A: NO. I DON'T THINK SO.
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